

Executive Orders

FOR: PRESIDENT BENJAMIN HARRISON DAY

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Benjamin Harrison, grandson of William Henry Harrison, lived most of his adult life in the State of Indiana and brought great distinction to our state through his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Harrison served with valor during the Civil War as commandant of the 70th Indiana Regiment and rose from the rank of second lieutenant to brigadier general; and

WHEREAS, during the 1880's Benjamin Harrison served as a U.S. senator, a position in which he championed Native Americans, homesteaders and Civil War Veterans; and

WHEREAS, in 1888 he was elected the 23rd president of the United States, our nation's Highest office; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Harrison promoted the United States flag by having it flown at schools and public offices, and recognized The Pledge of Allegiance by administering its first public recitation; and

WHEREAS, Six states were admitted into the United States during Benjamin Harrison's presidential term, more than in any other president: North and South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho, and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Sequoia, General Grant, and Yosemite were approved as national parks, and 13 million acres designated as forest preserves, during the Harrison administration; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Harrison was the only United States president to reside in Indiana before and after his term in office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Frank O'Bannon, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the state of Indiana, do hereby order that:

March 4, 2003 is hereby proclaimed as President Benjamin Harrison Day.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I Frank O'Bannon, have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 20th day of December, 2002.

BY THE GOVERNOR: Frank O'Bannon
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST: Sue Anne Gilroy
Secretary of State